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## Gov't: PA national service plan camouflage for draft

By JON IMMANUEL

The Palestinian Legislative Council yesterday proposed a national service law which would draft all high school graduates for one year's work in Palestinian public projects, including the police, but not for security-related service, the council speaker Ahmed Qurie said.

David Bar-Ilan, the prime minister's communications director, called the idea "a camouflage for openly setting up a draft for an army. The fact that a draft has been announced is a severe violation of the Oslo accords."

Qurie said the service could not include training in weapons, but it could include police work "in public order or traffic control, so long as this was not security work because we are tied to the Oslo agreement."

In the Oslo agreement, the number of security officers and civil police is strictly limited to 30,000, but most sources, including Palestinians, believe the number has far surpassed that.

Bar-Ilan said he did not believe the draft would be limited to civilian work. "These ostensible announcements have very little in common with the truth. Our experience is that when the worst is indicated it usually happens," he said.

Qurie said "it is just an idea and the legal committee has been recommended to study it." The purpose of the proposal, he said, was to provide work for graduates and would include service in government services, agriculture and industry.

Azmi Shuabi, the initiator of the proposal, said it could "include work in hospitals and road construction."

He said the motivation behind the draft was not to establish an army but to provide jobs and develop the Palestinian economy.

In a street demonstration in Nablus yesterday, some 2,000 marched, including a group of uniformed youths carrying joy rifles on their shoulders, and women dressed in white carrying placards saying "we want peace."

Nablus has been opened by the IDF as a part of a series of measures to ease the closure.

In the wake of the closure, including the "inner closure" imposed on Palestinian towns after the Mahaneh Yehuda suicide bombings on July 30, the legislative council meeting in Ramallah passed a series of resolutions both condemning the closure and condemning terror.

"It is the first time that the council

in the name of the Palestinian people... condemned terrorism from wherever it comes, including in Jerusalem, and sent its appreciation to the peace camp. It also called for an Arab summit meeting to recon-

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sider normalization with Israel and its participation in an economic conference in Doha," Qurie said.

Palestinians have been embittered by the closure, and the national service proposal comes after PA Chairman Yasser Arafat made a speech to Fatah leaders last week telling Palestinians "to prepare for the biggest battle yet... loyal to the

oath we took since we fired our first bullet." He denied this was a call to armed struggle, saying it was a call to withstand the closure that he said was an Israeli declaration of war.

Arafat said Friday he thought the Palestinians were justified in considering the closure a declaration of war because Israeli officials themselves have told the Palestinian Authority the Mahaneh Yehuda bombers came from abroad. Israeli security officials told us that they came from abroad," Arafat told Channel 1.

Cabinet Secretary Dan Naveh said no Israeli intelligence sources said this "because the investigation has not been completed. In any case the infrastructure of the terrorist groups, of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, is here and the root of the problem is that hundreds of Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists are walking free."

Naveh also denied another assertion by Arafat that Israel called off three-way security cooperation involving the US three weeks before the bombing. "It was very strange. I was amazed by that," said Arafat.

Naveh responded that "Israel certainly accepts the Americans as part of the security meetings between ourselves and the Palestinians, in contrast to what was said last night, but that does not release the Palestinians from their obligation to continuous two-sided security cooperation with Israel."

Arafat also denied that his senior police chief, Brig. Ghazi Jabali, had been involved in ordering an attack on settlers near Nablus, an order, which by implication, he said, must have come from Arafat himself. "Am I an idiot? I am not insane. I am one of the world's leaders," he said.

Arafat said he was doing the maximum to prevent terrorism and had not released terrorists from prison, despite Israeli claims to the contrary.

He told his cabinet in Ramallah Friday, and he told the legislative council yesterday, Palestinian security forces found a new bomb factory in Kalkiya, close to Kfar Sava, similar to the one found in Beit Sahur last month. He provided no details.

In his TV interview, Arafat addressed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu: "I want to ask him a question, Netanyahu, who considers himself a politician. A whole nation of three million people - doesn't he think that this closure is going to have an effect on them? Aren't all these policies encouragement to the extremist forces?"

*Steve Rodan and Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.*

## Ross to meet PM, Arafat today

By JAY BUSHINSKY

US special envoy Dennis Ross is expected to start his bid to upgrade the Palestinian Authority's effort to smash terrorist cells in the West Bank and Gaza Strip by conferring with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu before this morning's cabinet session and then traveling to Gaza for talks with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat.

The American diplomat arrived yesterday, along with a support staff consisting of the State Department's Aaron Miller and the National Security Council's Bruce Reidel. US Ambassador Martin Indyk will work with the team throughout its stay.

Netanyahu will be taking time out from his talks with Ross on Wednesday to visit Amman to brief King Hussein on his talks with the US envoy.

Ross's first day in Israel is expected to include a meeting in Caesarea with President Ezer Weizman, whose planned visit to Washington evidently is part of the newly reactivated American peace initiative.

"The primary purpose of Ambassador Ross's visit will be to deal with the security dimensions of the current crisis," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said in her first major speech on the Middle East since taking office. She was speaking to the National Press Club in Washington last Wednesday.

Albright's projected trip to the Middle East at the end of this month depends on the success of Ross's attempt to nudge Israel and the PA back to the negotiating table by reconciling their differences over security and settlements.

Netanyahu's communications director, David Bar-Ilan, said he hoped Ross "will be effective in pushing the PA to do what we have been asking it to do for the past four years: fight terrorism."



Dennis Ross (Isaac Harari)



Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah adjusts his cloak during a press conference Friday in a Beirut suburb. Nasrallah claimed Hizbullah was not responsible for Friday's Katyusha rocket attack on Kiryat Shmona.

## IAF retaliates for rocketing of K. Shmona

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

Israel Air Force planes struck twice in Lebanon over the weekend in retaliation for the Katyusha rocket attack on Kiryat Shmona on Friday morning. Five persons were reported killed in the air strikes.

It was the first time Katyushas

"This is a new tactic of Hizbullah's, to ignore the attacks it carries out," said a Northern Command source. "It's a new policy of cowards who refuse to accept responsibility, but all the signs in the field indicate that we are talking about a Hizbullah action."

General Command at Na'ameh, south of Beirut. Channel 1 reported four people killed in that attack.

Observers said the strikes were meant to send a message to the Lebanese government and Syria to put the brakes on Hizbullah.

Two Katyushas fell on Kiryat

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had hit Kiryat Shmona since the understandings reached 15 months ago that ended the cross-border fighting in Operation Grapes of Wrath. The understandings forbid attacks against civilian targets.

One Kiryat Shmona resident was lightly injured by flying glass and two others were treated for shock.

At a press conference on Friday, Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah denied that his organization was responsible for the Katyusha attack. He warned that Hizbullah might resume cross-border attacks if last year's pact continued to unravel.

But the IDF said the Katyushas were fired from the areas of Barasheet and Shakra, both centers of Hizbullah activity. Hizbullah leaders had been threatening for several days to retaliate for the killing of two commanders and three other gunmen in an IDF action last Monday.

### Friendly fire wounds 2 soldiers

Two IDF soldiers were wounded by friendly fire late Friday night, when a force on patrol identified two suspicious figures some distance away in the dark and some members of the force opened fire, accidentally hitting their comrades.

One soldier is in critical condition with a head wound, while the other suffered moderate wounds to his back and leg. Both were hospitalized in Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

Channel 1 reported that two Hizbullah gunmen fled the scene after the incident, which took place near Karkum in the western sector of the security zone. OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine ordered an investigation.

According to Channel 1, the force was organized in a semicircle when the gunmen were spotted several dozen meters behind the soldiers on the rear end of the semicircle. Soldiers on the front end of the semicircle, facing the gunmen, opened fire, hitting their comrades.

This was the seventh incident of casualties from friendly fire in the past five years. Seven soldiers were killed and five wounded in the earlier accidents.

(Huy)

### An air strike yesterday hit a Shmona around 6 a.m. Friday. One exploded in the street, while the second hit the Sha'arei Hashanayim synagogue just as worshippers had finished their morning prayers.

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## Cabinet to discuss '98 budget

By DAVID HARRIS

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman is to present the cabinet with a proposal today for a 1998 state budget of NIS 164.4 billion, according to an advanced copy of the plan. The Treasury also will recommend a target of collecting NIS 156.8b. in revenues. These two key budgetary forecasts mean the state budget deficit, excluding credit, would be 2.4 percent of gross domestic product.

Neeman also will tell the cabinet that next year's inflation target will remain at its current level of 2-10%. This decision, taken after consultation with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, is in direct contradiction of the Bank of Israel's request to reduce the target rate to 6-9% in accordance with the government goal of 4% inflation by 2001. The plan to reduce the budget deficit means a real terms budget cut of NIS 2.5-3b. from the 1998 budget.

The Treasury document explains the budget and planned deficit as part of the government's plan to restimulate economic growth, particularly in the private sector. In order to achieve this aim there must be a graduated reduction in the size of the deficit as a percentage of GDP, a cut in public sector spending and a reduction of the tax burden, or at least no increase in it. If it becomes apparent that any of the key macroeconomic goals are not being met, Neeman will call for an urgent meeting of the government to readress its priorities, the document concludes.

Later today the Knesset Finance Committee will debate and vote on the additional NIS 800 million budget cut for 1997.

Among those already expressing opposition to the cuts are Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Education Minister Zeev Elkin Hammer and Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai.

In today's cabinet session ministers also will be told by senior Treasury officials that growth will only reach 3-3.5% next year, with unemployment likely to peak at 7.9%, or some 200,000 people. These and other macroeconomic forecasts for the period 1998-2000 will be presented in a document prepared by the Treasury.

in order to achieve this limited growth, compared to annual rates of over 6% in the early '90s, the Treasury will also ask ministers to approve about 100 structural reforms in the economy aimed at liberalizing, demonopolizing and reducing state involvement in the economy. It is still unclear when ministers will vote on any of the proposals today or whether they will wait until the final budget discussion set for August 31 and September 1.

**Timor leads**

The Hizbullah is threatening to call an open-ended general strike at the weekend if the government approves the plan for structural changes in the economy today. The strike would include all workers' unions.

Labor Party whip MK Rotem Cohen yesterday issued a statement sharply criticizing the government's budgetary policy.

"This is a government in which growth is zero, active is zero and the treatment of poorer sectors of society is zero squared," Cohen said. "Nothing has been implemented from all the government's grandiose plans for structural change."

Soldiers imprisoned in IDF prison No. 6 revolted yesterday afternoon, taking over one of the wings and capturing nine wardens to protest conditions in their ward, the ward for difficult prisoners.

Deputy OC Manpower Brig.-Gen. On Regonis and Military Police were still negotiating with the prisoners last night and a police anti-terror unit, ambulances and fire trucks were on call outside the prison gates.

The prisoners, armed with knives and flammable substances, threatened to commit suicide if the anti-terror unit attempted to enter the section of the prison in which they had barricaded themselves.

Officials said they would only send in the anti-terror unit if they feared the hostages would be harmed.

By evening, the prisoners

## Soldier-prisoners take nine wardens hostage

released four of the wardens, one of whom was lightly injured.

Larissa Pitkovski, whose son Alexei has been imprisoned for over two weeks for desertion, said her son telephoned her yesterday afternoon and asked her to contact the media to explain their situation.

"They took this action because of the bad relations inside the prison walls. He told me that for over a week he had been in chains for 24 hours a day. He said I should contact the media to publicize their claims regarding the bad conditions, which they say is the only reason for their action."

Meanwhile, parents of the the wardens gathered outside the prison gates.

The mother of one hostage said she wasn't surprised by the incident.

(Ttm)

## Aspirin turns 100

Washington (Washington Post) - It was 100 years ago - Aug. 10, 1897 - that a 29-year-old German chemist named Felix Hoffmann figured out how to chemically alter salicylic acid, an age-old pain-relief compound extracted from willow bark, so it would be kinder to the stomach. By adding one acetyl molecule to salicylic acid, he launched a new medicine that would change millions of lives.

Hoffmann had a professional and a personal interest in improving salicylic acid, which, in its pure form, is very irritating to the stomach. In those days, chemists generally mixed a compound of sodium salicylic acid, which helped mute some of the gastric side effects but was still very irritating.

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# Arafat trying to organize summit with Saddam

By Jay Bushinsky

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat has been trying to organize an Arab summit conference with Iraq's President Saddam Hussein as a key participant, Arab affairs experts said yesterday.

political isolation in the Arab world.

Experts said that such a summit proposal, being worked on also by Abu Dhabi Sultan Zaid bin-Sultan, may also be "a gimmick" meant to scare Israel.

Arafat is believed to have discussed the summit at a meeting in Amman last week with Iraq's ambassador to Jordan, Nuri Weyes.

According to informed sources, Weyes was recently nominated as honorary president of the diplomatic corps based in Jordan, but declined because Israeli Ambassador Oded Eran is a member.

## Closures eased on some towns

By Margot Duckewitch

The army said it was easing restrictions this morning on three West Bank towns, permitting residents of Tulkarim, Jenin and Kalkiya to travel within the West Bank and also opening the Rafiah Pass in the Gaza Strip.

On Friday the army lifted the so-called internal closures from Jericho and Nablus. The Allenby Bridge was also reopened to pedestrians.

The IDF Spokesman said that Israelis were also allowed to enter towns where the internal closure was lifted.

## US may endorse economic peace plan

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

The United States may endorse a regional economic plan as a way to help resolve a crisis in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, Labor MK Efraim Sneh said yesterday.

Sneh said he showed the plan for joint Israeli, Palestinian, Jordanian and Egyptian projects to US Ambassador Martin Indyk on Friday.

Indyk suggested he would hand the plan over to US Envoy Dennis Ross who is in Israel to try and

revive stalled peace talks, Sneh said.

Sneh said that Palestinian Economic Planning Minister Nahil Sha'at endorsed the plan after seeing it on Friday.

The plan puts forth two conditions for implementation: that the Palestinian Authority cracks down on terrorism and that Israel halts settlement building in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The proposed projects include Israeli-Palestinian agreement to increase the number of

Palestinians employed in Israel, development of a port in Gaza and routes connecting it with Jordan; a joint Israeli-Palestinian-Jordanian tourism company that would bring visitors to the West Bank; development of a joint airport for Eilat and Akaba, turning the Gaza and Atarot airports international; speeding up construction of industrial parks along the Gaza and West Bank frontiers; building an Israeli-Palestinian medical center on the edge of Gaza and laying a gas pipeline from Egypt to Israel.



Gregory Lerner at the Supreme Court hearing on Friday.

(Brian Henders)

## Judge to announce decision today on Lerner

Supreme Court Justice Ya'acov Kedmi announced Friday that he would announce his decision only today in the State's request to extend the remand of Gregory Lerner (Zvi Ben-Am) by another 15 days.

Head of the State Attorney's economics department Shimon Dolan told the Supreme Court on Friday that there was concern Lerner would attempt to flee the country and may try to influence the investigation if released on bail. He added that this was not

simply an economic case but one that involved organized crime and attempts to buy a newspaper, set up a bank and bribe public figures. Justice Kedmi said the reason for the arrest does not justify extending remand for 90 days - time which Lerner had already served by late last week. He noted that two time frames are set by law for evaluating remand extensions - 30 days and 90 days. He said these time frames were set not for the purposes of investigation but for purposes of protecting an indi-

vidual's liberty. The State Attorney's lawyer responded by saying that there was concern that Lerner might perjure witnesses and stated that cases of organized crime require more extended and complex investigations. Lerner's lawyer, Pnina Dvorin, said the State has thus far not proven that the alleged crimes require such a long remand nor do they justify remand until the end of proceedings, if charges are then to be pressed. (Itim)

## Weekend accidents claim at least 6

At least six men died in road accidents this weekend, including a 19-year-old and five in their 20s. The youngest victim, whose identity was not released, was killed Friday afternoon at the Kassem intersection when his vehicle collided head-on with another vehicle.

A 28-year-old from Dimona died early yesterday after driving his car off the Beersheba highway. He was on his way home from a night on the town.

A young woman from Dimona and her boyfriend were taken to Soroka Hospital with light to moderate injuries.

Three other fatalities were motorcycle drivers, two of whom plowed into cars while making a turn or straying from their traffic lanes, police said. Gil Moses, 26, from Ashdod, died on Friday at Tel Hashomer, and Yuval Bar, 29, of Yokneam, died yesterday. A third motorcycleist, Zev Shaalom, 25, of Moshav Yanoum, was struck by a car who ran a stop sign, police said.

Mohammed Hashan, 53, from Kfar Merar in Galilee, was killed early Friday when a jeep en route to Karmiel strayed into his lane swiping the left side of his car, police said. Hashan's wife was

seriously injured and the jeep's driver was injured slightly. Police were meanwhile investigating the death of a man found Friday in a commercial vehicle abandoned on the road between Kiryat Sefer and the village of Harbata in the West Bank. Chief Superintendent Ofer Sivan, spokesman for Judea and Samaria Police, said the vehicle was stolen and other details were being investigated. Taxi drivers were expected to be up service in the Tel Aviv area this morning while they hold a protest from 7:30 to 10:30 to demand a 40 percent fare hike. (fim)

## HEBREW PRESS REVIEW MICHAEL YUDELMAN

The weekend's media offer two versions of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's absence from Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market immediately after the terrorist attack and his appearance there only a week later.

Ha'arets' Hanna Kim reveals the move as a well-planned, elaborately organized operation, which she calls the five-stage salami plan orchestrated by Prime Minister's Office director-general Avigdor Liberman.

The market, the radical right wing and Likud bastion, writes Kim, became military targets to be conquered anew, "since appearance is everything." First Liberman arranged meetings with the market's vendors, to whom he outlined his costly plan to renovate the place and improve their conditions. The vendors, their anger thus diffused, then helped to keep away extremists who protested against Netanyahu. Next, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, Liberman and Treasury clerks came to the market, promoting the vendors full property rehabilitation and financial compensation. Renovations were performed at lightning speed. The visits of Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai were used to trace remaining concentrations of objections and opposition to the prime minister, so they too could be neutralized.

Then Sara Netanyahu was sent to the market, which was still not considered ripe for

Netanyahu's visit - some "soothing" of the vendors was yet to be done.

Finally, the prime minister himself arrived, surrounded by hundreds of security guards, at 8:30 a.m., when there were few shoppers and most stalls were still closed. Netanyahu was carefully directed only to a few vendors who supported him. Journalists were not allowed to accompany him and were kept back "for security reasons." Following terrorist attacks in the past, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres would visit the disaster sites almost immediately. "They did not make PR calculations. They were responsible leaders and felt it was their duty," MK Uzi Baram told Kim.

Nahum Barnea, in *Yedioth Aharonot*, agrees that Netanyahu's absence from the market for a week was not coincidence but a carefully calculated decision. First it was explained by Netanyahu's terrorism adviser as deriving from "security problems." His wife could go, but not the prime minister, due to security problems, remarks Barnea.

The real reason, he suggests, is that "Netanyahu did not want to be photographed with disaster. It's alright for him to be photographed with other people's disasters, but not his own..." "Why don't you go to the market?" we asked him six days after the attack. "There is no principle that states I should go or not go," he said. "I'll go tomorrow."

Elsewhere in his column, Barnea says the

penalty measures decided on by the cabinet as a result of the attack were intended not only to hurt but to humiliate the Palestinians. The idea to jam Palestinian broadcasts was conceived by Communications Minister Limor Livnat, who convinced Netanyahu she could pull it off. Later it transpired that this promise was unfulfilled. Broadcasting Authority director-general Mordechai Kirshenbaum refused to allow it to happen, saving the government and the IBA from disgrace.

Much Ado US envoy Dennis Ross's arrival was the culmination of a week filled with intense diplomatic activity, dramatic trips, blatant declarations and lengthy phone calls. But for all this feverish activity, nothing really happened, writes Ben Caspit in *Ma'ariv*. "Netanyahu did in these days what he does best: pass time, to make room for more time. As far as he's concerned, every day that passes with the continued severance between him and Arafat is for the best."

Cherni Shalev, also in *Ma'ariv*, relates that Ross has thought up a clever retort to end conversations in which people want to offer him their new ideas. "If it's anything like the 'new ideas' I've had from Netanyahu recently, do me a favor and spare me." Ross's sarcasm, says Shalev, reflects the basic attitude of the US administration towards Netanyahu, and to the "creativity"

he has demonstrated so far in advancing the peace process. This approach towards Netanyahu - a combination of fear, alienation and mistrust - did not change following the terrorist attack in Jerusalem, Shalev adds.

Where are the inciters? Silvie Keshet marvels in *Yedioth Aharonot* at the disappearance of the "spontaneous," inciteful demonstrations, with posters prepared in advance, which used to erupt after terrorist attacks during Labor's reign.

There no demonstrations after the market attack and there was no "protest tent" such as the one in which Rehavam Zeevi (Molelet) and Ariel Sharon (Likud) sat under a poster of then-PM Rabin dressed in a keffiyeh and a slogan equating him with the terrorist, notes Keshet. Not did Labor leader Ehud Barak head a macabre demonstration with a coffin, as Netanyahu did, rabbis didn't issue a "moser" verdict and no *pulsa denava* curse was made; there were no frightening protests with Netanyahu portrayed in an SS uniform, or an insane crowd screaming "We'll drive Netanyahu out with blood and fire!" as they did with Rabin and Peres. And no incited crowds attacked journalists or hounded Netanyahu and his wife day and night, threatening to "hang you both in the town square like Mussolini and his mistress," as they did the Rabbins.

## Haredim challenge Reform council member

Agudat Israel called an emergency meeting on Thursday to come up with a strategy to fight a recent High Court decision to let a Reform woman serve on the Netanya Religious Council. Agudat Israel has invited central committee members to the forum in Netanya. "We won't agree under any circumstance to letting Reform members into religious councils," former MK Rabbi Menahem Porush said. The reaction is to a ruling last week upholding the appointment of Dr. Joyce Gila Brenner to the Netanya Religious Council. (Itim)

## ROSS

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Bar-Ilan said Ross will be asked to obtain evidence of the PA's claim to have taken 1,000 Hamas and Islamic Jihad leaders into custody. "We suspect that most of them have been released," he said.

Arafat was quoted as saying he intends to raise the issue of settlements during his talks with Ross. American diplomats balked at discussing the special envoy's itinerary, schedule or plans, contending that Ross firmly opposes such disclosures. They said they doubted that he would brief the news media at any stage of his mission.

## Mother of seven drowns

Esther Orenstein, a mother of seven from Kfar Shalem, drowned yesterday at Palmachim Beach. The 44-year-old went swimming with a boyfriend in an area not designated for bathing. Her body was found by lifeguards shortly after her friend reported her missing. They tried unsuccessfully to revive her, and she was pronounced dead at the scene by a Magen David Adom medic. (Itim)

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The synagogue was heavily damaged.

"We got up early to pray the *shaharit* service," said Avraham Edri, 42, who had been among the worshippers. "After we finished, we sat a bit to drink tea and talk, when suddenly there was a huge explosion and a Katyusha rocket landed in the sanctuary."

"It was a big miracle...none of us understand how we emerged without serious injury when a missile exploded so close to the

worshippers," he said. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai blamed the Lebanese government for not doing enough to prevent escalation of violence in the region. The area from which the Katyushas were launched is controlled by the Lebanese government, he said. The minister said the rocket attack was a serious violation of the Grapes of Wrath understandings, "something which Hizbullah must take into account."

Mordechai made his remarks during a visit to the Galilee panhandle Friday morning. Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon

Lipkin-Shahak accompanied him. The two visited several northern locations and talked to residents about their fears, promising that the IDF would do its best to restore calm to the area.

"We have no interest in [escalating the violence]," Mordechai said. "We will act with cunning but firmness, and we will make it clear to all those behind the Katyusha firing that it will not be worth their while to continue."

Shahak rejected Hizbullah's denials of responsibility for the attack. He said the past week had been a difficult one for Hizbullah, which lost five men, including two commanders, in the IDF action last Monday. The organization felt compelled to demonstrate that it was still on the scene, he said.

Shahak said that Hizbullah was responsible for the death of at least four civilians last week who were killed in the security zone by roadside charges. Israel had filed a complaint to the Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee about these deaths, but Lebanon also filed a complaint about them, claiming Israel was responsible. Security sources expressed shock at Lebanese "hizpah, falsification, and distortion," in filing the complaint.

The Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee is to meet today at Nakoura to discuss 10 complaints, five from each side, including an Israeli complaint about the Katyusha attack. It will be the most complaints the committee has ever discussed at one session.

Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak was also in Kiryat Shmona on Friday, on a visit that had been planned earlier. He said that quiet in the north would only come as the result of negotiations with Syria and he called on the government to resume negotiations with Damascus.

The United States on Friday condemned the cross-border attacks and urged all sides to exercise "maximum restraint" and end the violence. State Department spokesman James Rubin said Washington had told Israel, Lebanon, Syria and Hizbullah, a Lebanon, that "this is no time for escalation, this is no time to see civilians suffer."

"We've been in contact with all the parties directly to urge maximum restraint... We want that to stop," he told a news briefing.

Israel Radio reported shelling by Hizbullah mortars last night on IDF and SLA outposts in the eastern and central sectors of the security zone.

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# 'Anti-sports' bomber strikes again in Sweden

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) — A massive explosion damaged Stockholm's old Olympic Stadium early on Friday — the latest in a series of unexplained attacks on sports venues in a city bidding to host the 2004 games.

The blast ripped a gaping hole in the roof above the main entrance on the east side of the stadium, which was the centerpiece of the 1912 Games but has only a secondary role in the city's hopes for 2004. No one was hurt.

Arsonists have struck seven sports venues in Stockholm since May and several indoor tennis arenas have been destroyed.

But Olof Stenhammar, president of the Stockholm bid committee, told

reporters: "There is no evidence that the explosion in the 1912 Stockholm Stadium has anything to do with the current Olympic bid." Bid chairman Goran Langsved said it was impossible to exclude the possibility that the attacks were related to the bid, but the bombers might have more general grievances.

"Perhaps they hate sport or they hate the Olympics, but they might also hate Swedish society," he said.

The International Olympic Committee will pick the site of the 2004 Games on September 5.

Residents in the inner Stockholm neighborhood where the old stadium is located were woken by an explosion about 1.00 a.m., police inspector Harriet

Leeftam said.

Police on patrol nearby arrived almost immediately and searched the area with dogs, but found no suspects, she said.

Most heavily damaged were the stadium announcers' booth and press booths, said police spokesman Claes Cassel. He said the police had no leads.

"There has been no message from anyone and we have very poor witnesses," said Cassel. "They saw cars, but they don't know the color or the model. We really don't know anything."

If Stockholm wins the 2004 Games, the stadium is scheduled to be used for some equestrian and modern pentathlon events but not as the main stadium.

All the recent fires at sports venues

have occurred at night. Police believe they may be connected, but no person or group has claimed responsibility.

"There has been absolute silence," Cassel said. "If the person or persons responsible have a special aim, it's most likely they would tell in some way. Since they haven't done this, you wonder what is going on."

By early afternoon, maintenance men were erecting signs around the brick structure, where some of the world's biggest athletic stars have set world records, announcing that the stadium was closed.

Police had roped off the main entrance while investigators searched for clues inside.

Glass littered the stadium's all-weather track. Tiles blown off the roof were layered on the pavement inside the stadium gate, but had been cleared from the cobblestones outside the gate and from the four-lane road along the stadium's east flank.

Twelve blue and white Olympic bid flags mounted on vine-covered ramps at the stadium's south end fluttered in the breeze.

Security at the stadium is minimal with only a 1.5-meter wrought-iron fence for protection.

Langsved, who was informed by police about half an hour after the blast, said the incident would not affect Stockholm's chances of success in its

2004 bid.

"I don't think this accident will disturb the bid work, which is very intensive for us right now," said Langsved. "I don't think the decision will depend on what happened but on a lot of other factors."

Sixty-six members of the International Olympic Committee have visited Stockholm since June, he said. Another 20 are expected before the IOC vote on September 5.

Langsved said Stockholm's rivals, which include Athens, Buenos Aires, Cape Town and Rome, should help limit the effect of the blast by refraining from using the incident to boost their own chances.

## Malcolm X grandson sentenced for burning death of Betty Shabazz

YONKERS, New York (AP) — The 12-year-old grandson of Malcolm X was sentenced Friday to at least 18 months at a juvenile center for burning to death his grandmother, Betty Shabazz.

The widow of the slain civil rights activist suffered burns over 80 percent of her body in the blaze June 1 at her apartment in Yonkers, a suburb of New York City, and died June 23 after a series of painful operations.

Malcolm Shabazz could be held until he turns 18. His sentence will be reviewed at the end of the 18 months and every year thereafter.

Malcolm pleaded guilty July 10 to the juvenile equivalent of manslaughter and arson in the death of his grandmother, with whom he had been sent to live.

Prosecutors said the boy set the gasoline fire in hopes of being reunited with his mother, Qubilah Shabazz, who has had problems with alcohol and a confrontation with the law.

Family Court Judge Howard Spitz sentenced Malcolm to Hillcrest, a center for troubled youngsters in Pittsfield,

Massachusetts.

Joseph DeCarlo, the probation officer assigned to the case, said New York had no place that could deal with Malcolm.

Psychologist Elizabeth Osborn previously testified that Malcolm is "a schizophrenic boy of a paranoid type," has an extreme fascination with fire and imagines himself as a character he calls "Sinister Torch."

The death of Mrs. Shabazz was the latest tragedy for family members, who watched from their seats in the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem as Malcolm X was assassinated in 1965. Betty Shabazz was pregnant with twins at the time. Her four other daughters, including Qubilah, saw their father's murder.

Qubilah was accused in 1994 of plotting to kill Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan in revenge for her father's assassination.

Betty Shabazz had publicly accused Farrakhan of a role in the murder. However, Farrakhan and Mrs. Shabazz later publicly reconciled, and charges against Qubilah were dropped in a deal with prosecutors.

## Three dead in Nairobi riots

NAIROBI (Reuters) — Three people, including two policemen, were killed in Kenya Friday in unrest during a one-day national strike to press for constitutional reforms.

Barely 1,000 activists attended a rally in Nairobi's Uhuru park to hear opposition speakers demand sweeping political reforms from President Daniel arap Moi before elections due this year.

At the rally, gangs of youths ran down and beat up several people suspected of being police spies, including Gilbert Ahanya Simiyi. He was dead on arrival at a Nairobi hospital.

Opposition supporters said Simiyi was an inspector in the police special branch and was armed with a gun and a knife.

At the rally's end, hundreds of youths took to the city centre, breaking shop windows and chanting "Moi must go." They stoned vehicles and blocked roads until paramilitary General Service Unit police fired in the air and dispersed them.

In a statement, police later said an off-duty policeman who was passing during the rally was badly injured in a "fracas" with pro-reform protesters and died on arrival at a hospital.

It said the reformists also injured many other people in Uhuru park and in the town of Kiambu, 10 km north of Nairobi, stoned a police inspector driving home and when his vehicle overturned he was killed.

The statement said police were attacked by a large mob on a main road near Kiambu. Police fired 32 teargas rounds and live ammunition, hitting one man in the leg.

The man later died at Kiambu hospital, said the statement, adding a total of 24 people were arrested in Kenya on Friday and six shops were damaged and one was looted.

It said police however noted "with satisfaction" that most people ignored the national strike called by opposition-backed



A plainclothes policeman lies dying Friday in Nairobi, after he was beaten by opposition supporters at a rally. (Reuters)

groups and thanked them for maintaining law and order.

Friday's killings marked the largest death toll in unrest since at least nine people were killed on July 7 when security forces violently suppressed pro-reform protests in Nairobi and other centers.

In Nairobi, most downtown shops were closed and some workers stayed home. But shop owners, many from the Asian community, said they closed for

fear of the violence and looting which is usual at political mass protests in Kenya.

Overall the national strike and marches called by groups pushing for political reforms had fairly mixed success.

Moi's government declared the strike and demonstrations illegal, but police did not intervene to stop the Nairobi rally.

In the city's vast Mathare slum, unemployed youths set up barri-

ades of burning tyres and clashed with riot police. They also attacked a bar and looted iron sheets.

They tried to join the rally in the park but were banned from marching through the Eastleigh suburb by ethnic Somalis.

Demonstrators marched in the western town of Kisumu and the Rift Valley town of Nakuru but calm returned when police intervened. Two opposition FORD-Kenya parliamentarians were

arrested in Kisumu allegedly for inciting people to strike.

The port of Mombasa, the country's second city, was calm, with only a few shops closed.

Moi, 73 and in power since 1978, is seeking a final five-year term at elections this year. Under pressure at home and from Western donors, he agreed to some reforms before the polls, succeeding in dividing some opposition party leaders.

## Mars rover heads for uphill struggle

PASADENA, Calif. (Reuters) — The Mars rover is set to embark on its most ambitious journey yet — a hike up a hill that will give scientists a new view of the Red Planet.

"We're taking to the hills," said a jubilant Matthew Golombek, head of the Mars Pathfinder science team.

Briefing reporters at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Golombek said the eventual aim was for Sojourner, as the little six-wheeled rover is known, to climb a hill about 18 meters high.

It may seem like a small climb, but for the rover it presents an arduous challenge that will test it severely, Golombek said.

Sojourner, which is about the size of a household microwave oven and packed with sophisticated scientific instruments, will have to travel about 100 meters to the crest of the hill, negotiating boulders several times its size on the way.

Moving at slightly less than one centimeter per second, and stopping every one-quarter of a turn of its wheels to make sure it is still in contact with its mother ship, the Sagan lander, the rover's journey will be slow and tedious. It will probably take more than a month to reach the top of the hill.

"But once we get to the top, we'll be able to see a whole new vista of Mars we have never seen before, and from an angle looking down, not up," said Golombek.

Pathfinder, which landed on Mars on July 4, ended up in a slight depression on the Martian surface.

During the primary mission, which covered the first 30 days on the planet and was completed this week, the lander and rover sent back twice as much data as expected, Golombek said.

Mission manager Richard Cook said NASA considered the mission "100 percent successful." The mission also set records on the Earthbound Internet.

The Pathfinder Web page ([www.jpl.nasa.gov/marsnews](http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/marsnews)) received 656 million hits during the first 30 days of the mission, including 47 million hits on July 8 — "The biggest Internet event ever," Golombek said.

The mission's main emphasis was to shift from obtaining an overall picture of the landing site in the Ares Vallis plain to long-term monitoring of conditions, Golombek said.

Scientists said they were hopeful

the batteries and all the moving parts on the lander and rover would keep working for months, if not years, so they could experience conditions during the Martian autumn, winter and spring. It is currently late summer on Mars.

Mission meteorologist Tim Schofield said he was particularly interested in monitoring and photographing the global dust storms that can engulf the whole planet.

These storms, which occur around November and December, whip up the fine Martian soil, which has the consistency of talcum powder, sending it miles into the atmosphere.

The meteorological equipment aboard the lander has already recorded four "dust devils" — mini-tornadoes similar to those that occur in Earth's deserts.

## Neo-Nazis defile Buchenwald guestbook

WEIMAR, Germany (AP) — Visitors are leaving a growing number of neo-Nazi slogans in the guest book of the memorial center at the site of the former Nazi concentration camp of Buchenwald.

Neo-Nazi messages in the book have multiplied "dramatically" in the last few years, said Volkhard Knigge, the director of the memorial center, said last week. Such slogans were now filling entire pages, he said.

Knigge said that in May three young women wrote Hitler deserved a Nobel Prize, he said. Knigge plans an exhibition of photographs of the neo-Nazi messages, so that such writing "cannot be swept under the carpet." He also criticized a Leipzig court for ruling Wednesday that four teenagers were not guilty of inciting racial hatred when they left a quote from Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, in the Buchenwald guest book.

## Woman named to Iranian cabinet

TEHRAN (Reuters) — Iran's new President Mohammad Khatami has appointed the first woman to the cabinet since the 1979 Islamic revolution, an Iranian newspaper reported yesterday.

Masoumeh Ebtekar, a 36-year-old US-educated professor at Tehran University, was appointed vice president and head of the Environmental Protection Organization, the English-language *Iran News* quoted an unnamed source as saying.

It said Ebtekar holds a doctorate in immunology and served on the editorial board of an Iranian newspaper group.

Khatami was swept to power by a landslide election victory in May after attracting the female, youth and middle-class vote on expectations of social and economic reform.

The appointment of at least one

woman to the cabinet was seen by analysts as a recognition by Khatami that a large section of Iranian women are pressing for a stronger voice in political, legal, social and cultural issues.

The 54-year-old Shi'ite Moslem cleric has until August 18 to submit his full cabinet list for approval to the Majlis, or parliament.

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As a friend and colleague, I would like to extend my condolences to you and to all our shared friends, following the tragic bombing that took place a few days ago. As a man of peace and co-existence, I find myself obliged to speak loudly and condemn such acts, which are to be deplored, and I do speak out against them. They help no one but the extremists on both sides, they de-rail the peace process, and prejudice the chances for a brighter future for all of us to share.

On such occasions, we must come closer to each other, and extract from the tragedy and pain hope for the future and for future generations. We should not lose the light of hope, but resist evil and fight back with determination to achieve peace together. I extend my hand to you in condolence, in solidarity, and in renewal of the battle for peace.

Our friendship becomes more important on such occasions. *Venceremos.*

Yours sincerely,  
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# Clinton declares \$2.4b. war on diabetes

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The US government will intensify the search for a cure for diabetes and expand benefits for diabetics under a \$2.4 billion war on the country's seventh leading killer, President Bill Clinton said Friday.

In a speech at Georgetown University Medical Center, Clinton said legislation he signed on Tuesday aimed at balancing the federal budget by 2002 included spending that "will take us a tremendous step forward in our fight against diabetes."

"These investments total more than \$2 billion over the next five years," Clinton said. "They will strengthen our efforts to find a cure, to help our most vulnerable citizens better manage the disease, to prevent some of its most traumatic, costly, and life-threatening complications."

Diabetes is America's seventh leading cause of death.

Eight million Americans are diagnosed with it and another 8 million are believed to have it as well but have not been diagnosed. It causes kidney disease, heart disease, blindness, and amputations.

The largest part of the program is an expansion of insurance benefits by \$2.1 billion over five years for 3.2 million senior citizens with diabetes.

Their benefits will now cover training for managing their treatment themselves and will make blood glucose monitors available to all beneficiaries with diabetes.

The program also includes \$150 million in new spending for research to prevent and cure Type 1, or juvenile, diabetes, which afflicts

700,000 to 1 million people.

Another \$150 million will go toward preventing and treating diabetes among Native Americans, who are almost three times as likely to suffer from the disease as others in the US population.

"Taken together, these initiatives can make life-changing differences for millions of Americans," Clinton said.

Robert Wood Johnson, chairman of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, said the money for research on juvenile diabetes would help against one of the most chronic diseases of childhood.

"Insulin is not a cure for this devastating disease. But 25 years of research progress has brought us to the threshold of that cure," he said.



Elderly Japanese Christian women in Nagasaki pray yesterday for victims of the atomic bomb that fell there in 1945. (Reuters)

## Nagasaki remembers the day the bomb fell

TOKYO (AP) — Bells tolled in temples and churches while Nagasaki paused yesterday to remember the moment 52 years ago when a US atomic bomb devastated the southwestern Japanese city.

A crowd estimated at about 22,000 gathered in intermittent light rain in the city's Peace Park for an annual memorial ceremony, which began at 11:02 a.m., the instant when the bomb exploded on Aug. 9, 1945.

The park, once a thriving business and residential area, was at the epicenter of the blast, which killed more than 70,000 people and reduced the port city's northern section to heaps of rubble and smoking cinders.

The explosion came three days after the bombing of Hiroshima, in which about 140,000 people died in the world's first atomic attack.

Addressing the crowd, Nagasaki Mayor Ichio Ito criticized the United States for conducting a low-level nuclear test last month in Nevada.

"We vehemently denounce the test, which was conducted with disregard for global criticism and we demand the suspension of all tests related to nuclear weapons," Ito said.

The United States says such low-level tests do not violate the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban, because they don't produce a self-sustaining nuclear reaction.

Hiroshima Mayor Takashi Hiraoaka also criticized the testing during remarks made at his city's annual ceremony Wednesday.

In Nagasaki, people, including survivors and families of victims, prayed for the souls of the dead. Some offered strings of colorful folded paper cranes, a Japanese symbol of peace and longevity.

The city observed a moment of silence and doves were released into the air.

Some who offered prayers made the sign of the cross, a reminder of Nagasaki's large Christian population and the city's long history as an entry point for foreign ideas.

The vast majority of Japanese believe the bombings were unjustified, despite the country's war of aggression. US wartime leaders defended the atomic attacks as the only alternative to a bloody invasion of Japan, a view which many outside Japan still hold.

"The citizens of Nagasaki cannot tolerate the fact that there is still a body of opinion trying to justify the atomic bombings. At the same time we must confront and reflect deeply upon the fact of Japan's history of invasion and aggression in the Asia-Pacific region," Ito said.

Few traces of the bombing remain visible in Nagasaki. Unlike Hiroshima, where the half-destroyed Atomic Dome was left as a memorial to the bomb, Nagasaki rebuilt everything, including a cathedral destroyed in the blast.



A South Korean woman who fainted at the crash site in Guam of the Korean jetliner is helped by a US soldier yesterday. (Reuters)

## Crew error seen in Guam crash

AGANA, Guam (AP) — A preliminary analysis of the data and voice recorders indicate the cockpit crew members of a doomed Korean Air jet had no idea they were headed toward disaster, National Transportation Safety Board investigators said.

"There was no indication the crew was reporting anything wrong with the aircraft," Gregory Feith, the top investigator on the NTSB team, said this weekend.

Crew members of Flight 801 sent an distress message to the control tower in the minutes before their fiery crash Wednesday in Guam. But investigators emphasized it was still far too early to pinpoint the cause of the crash, which killed 225 travelers going from the South Korean capital of Seoul to Guam.

Among the key points that investigators want to nail down are the effects of the driving rain that was falling on the night of the

crash, the technique the pilot used to land the plane and whether runway lights were on.

But the evidence seems to point toward human error, since the pilot appeared to be in full control of the plane at the time of the crash, NTSB board member George Black said.

"That's usually the situation or someone's interpretation of something, some kind of fault, because we don't intend for aircraft to run into the ground," he said, adding that "it's too early to talk about what or who that someone was — or something was."

Federal investigators, in Guam since Thursday, said they would have to study more evidence and receive a full transcript of cockpit conversations from analysts looking at the "black boxes" in Washington to get a better idea of what happened.

NTSB Chairman Jim Hall said Friday in Miami that Korean air-

line officials were on hand to ensure that the recorded conversations — which were in Korean — were correctly translated.

The Boeing 747 was carrying 254 passengers when it crashed into the dense underbrush of a rocky hill on this US-governed Pacific island. Investigators said 29 people survived.

One of the survivors, 11-year-old Rika Matsuda, her small face bruised and puffy, visited a hill near the wreckage Friday to lay a bouquet of yellow flowers in memory of her mother, who died in the crash.

Later, Buddhist monks in orange and black robes led a memorial service on the hill. About 50 mourners, mostly relatives, bowed their heads and wept quietly as the monks chanted prayers, rang chimes and burned incense.

The NTSB will show photographs of 50-60 remains that are visually identifiable to family

members to try and hasten the identification process, said Matt Furman, an NTSB official assisting families in claiming the remains.

The plane's pilot, Park Yong-chul, 44, also died in the crash. NTSB officials were looking into his condition before the flight — a South Korean newspaper has suggested he may not have had enough rest before the Seoul-Guam trip.

Black dismissed as unlikely an NBC report that the pilot may have confused two navigational beacons, which could have led him to try to land the plane on the hill thinking it was the runway instead.

"This is not the sort of mistake you normally make," Black said, adding that even if the three-member cockpit team had confused the beacons — which have different frequencies — it would not have led to Wednesday's crash.

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**ASPIRIN**  
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As an employee of the Frederick Bayer Co., Hoffman was part of a team charged with looking for new drugs to control pain. But the problem of chronic pain and inflammation also hit home for Hoffman.

His father was severely disabled by agonizing joint pain. Hoffman's father developed chronic stomach ulcers and bleeding from taking high doses of the medicine.

Medical historians differ on how Hoffman made his discovery. Some say he synthesized it through trial and error in his laboratory.

Others contend that he "rediscovered the wheel," after reading a scientific paper by a German scientist, Charles Frederic von Gerhardt, who had first extracted acetyl salicylic acid from willow bark in 1853.

Von Gerhardt's compound, which was difficult to synthesize, was largely ignored for the next 50 years. According to this version of the story, Hoffman improved upon that extraction process, making it easier and faster to manufacture the drug.

However the discovery occurred, the finding kindled interest in the drug by Bayer officials. They sought a patent for this new version of salicylic acid, but were denied it. They then took another tack and registered acetyl salicylic acid under the trade name Aspirin. "A" stood for acetyl,

"spir" came from the German word Spürsaure, an old synonym for salicylic acid and "in" was a common suffix for drug names.

By 1899, Bayer was distributing a powdered form of aspirin to physicians for use by patients with arthritis.

The use of aspirin quickly caught on as physicians found that the drug was effective at controlling fevers, relieving pain and reducing all types of inflammation.

As medical historian Jan R. McTavish noted in a 1987 paper on aspirin published in the journal *Pharmacy in History*, the drug "was soon the preferred treatment for headache, toothache, and other minor pains, especially in influenza, the common cold or 'alcoholic indisposition.'"

By 1900, aspirin became the first drug available in a water-soluble tablet, which cut the cost in half. By 1906, aspirin was Bayer's best-selling drug and by 1914, it was one of the most widely used medications in the world, according to McTavish. The following year, aspirin became available without a doctor's prescription, widening its use even more.

Drug manufacturers jockeyed to gain control of this burgeoning market. But because Bayer held the trademark on the name aspirin, the company was able to successfully press claims that any doctor who prescribed aspirin prescribe the Bayer brand. Even today, in Germany and 70 other countries, including Israel, the name Aspirin is a trademark that belongs exclusively to Bayer AG.

**Holbrooke: NATO will get Karadzic**

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — US envoy Richard Holbrooke Friday ruled out a proposal from former Bosnian Serb president Radovan Karadzic, an indicted war criminal, that he be tried within Bosnia under international supervision.

Calling Karadzic's proposal "bizarre and totally unacceptable," Holbrooke said the former Bosnian Serb leader could expect no special deals.

"That is out of the question. He has got to be brought to justice," Holbrooke said in an interview in Belgrade after talks with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

The Bosnian Serbs' wartime president is rarely seen in public but his heavily armed guards are a fixture in Pale, the town where he maintains his headquarters just outside Sarajevo.

In an interview published in the German newspaper *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* on Friday, Karadzic said he might be willing to face trial in Bosnia — where the local Serb judiciary is largely controlled by the ruling nationalist party he once led.

Holbrooke, who has gone to the former Yugoslavia on a mission to shore up the fraying peace, said his talks with Milosevic were part of "three steps forward" posted recently in implementing the 1995 Dayton peace accords.

These include a deal worked out with Bosnia's Serb, Croat and Moslem leaders to parcel out key ambassadorial appointments equitably, an agreement on telephone area codes in the country, and a NATO decision to treat military police in Bosnia just like soldiers.

"They will be treated absolutely identically to other forces. If they misbehave, they will be so treated." Asked if this meant that NATO forces could move closer to capturing Karadzic, Holbrooke indicated this was possible.

"I'm not going to even say that the two are directly related, but these paramilitary police are in all three factions and NATO will implement this in an evenhanded way. Karadzic is an indicted war criminal," he said.

Holbrooke, who was expected to threaten Milosevic with economic sanctions unless the Yugoslav leader lived up to his commitments under the Dayton accords, said he believed the United States would not give up its efforts in Bosnia.

"My own view has always been clear and I think the president shares this view. We have a mission in Bosnia. We're going to get it done. We're not going to walk away and let this go down the drain."

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Last chance for Dayton

So far, it's a mixed year for peace processes—Northern Ireland on, Arab-Israel stalled, Kashmir off, Cyprus stalled. Now Bosnia too is back in the headlines for all the wrong reasons. Bosnia all but vanished from the editorial columns after despairingly dominating them for years. But the world being weary of the name and the combatants is not a good enough indication that peace and nation-building have taken root under the US-brokered Dayton peace accords. That is why tough US envoy Richard Holbrooke has deemed it necessary to return to the uneasy Balkans. The Dayton peace not only is in danger. It is being deliberately undermined and the main villains of the story reside—as usual—in Palestine, the hornets' nest which serves as the headquarters of the Bosnian Serbs and the haven of their fugitive war criminals.

There are other pressures on Holbrooke's mission to save Dayton. The political clock is ticking against the NATO peacekeepers in Bosnia—in less than a year they must be withdrawn—and against the US administration. If Dayton's Bosnia is not stabilized, departing troops will leave behind turmoil in Bosnia and another foreign peace humiliation for President Bill Clinton. The president faces the stark and growing possibility of leaving office with all his pet peace projects—the Middle East, Northern Ireland and Bosnia—stalled or failed. History does not smile indulgently on a catalog of missions labeled as "attempts to salvage the peace process in swamps A, B, and C."

Mir Miracle

The crippled Mir space station inevitably has become a comedian's delight but while enjoying the wisecracks, we should spare too a thought for the achievement of this last miracle of the great Soviet space program. Mir has been in orbit for 11 years—and it was never intended to operate for so long. Despite its recent problems, it has been home to nearly 80 cosmonauts and guest astronauts, and the record for the longest stay in space, 14 months, was made there. It has provided an endless and profoundly important stream of data which will be the foundation of knowledge for future long-distance space flights.

Boris Yeltsin's decision this weekend to order his government to borrow \$100 million from foreign banks for the space agency is to be welcomed. Unknown at its launch, Mir was fated to become a bridge between the competitive Cold War space race of the Soviets, and the new cooperative effort of the Russians. It is the true forerunner of the international space station project led by the Americans. In losing Mir, Russia's space effort and national pride would suffer a depressing blow. Until we lose Mir, all mankind will not appreciate how Mir has brought space travel down to real human terms—brave, flawed, frustrating and indomitable.



Bogus qualifications

An academic degree used to be worth something. It used to reflect three or four years of hard work, much of the time spent in the classroom, the laboratory and/or the library. More often than not, it required the completion of a final year research paper in which the skills acquired by a student throughout his/her period of study came under close scrutiny.

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The major foreign universities engaged in these practices. No Ivy League or Oxbridge institutions demean themselves in this way, however enticing the financial gains may be. Moreover, many of the colleges that do sign up the foreign students would never allow their own full-time students to get away with this reduced workload.

For those who sincerely desire to obtain a degree through a process of educational enrichment, but are unable to register at one of the mainstream universities, there are alternatives to the bogus degrees. In recent years, higher education for all has been extended throughout Israel. The regional colleges, affiliated to, and under the supervision of, the universities, are now able to teach degree programs. New colleges have been opened to meet the increased demand for places by a student population who realize that a first degree today is often equivalent to yesterday's matriculation in the competition for jobs.

But Israel today is getting a name for worthless degrees. Not, it should be said, from the degrees awarded by the country's mainstream universities, but from the multiple foreign universities and colleges that are allowed to sell their questionable wares within the Israeli marketplace. All it takes is a foreign institute with degree-awarding status in its home country, coupled with an enterprising agent in Israel, and the chances of accreditation by the Ministry of Education are good.

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Awarding foreign degrees to Israeli students should be stopped, not encouraged, by the Ministry of Education
Israeli universities do not necessarily recognize the validity of these suspect degrees. A student applying to continue for a higher degree at one of Israel's universities will have his or her entire syllabus examined. If it does not match up to the minimal requirements of the universities, they will not be accepted for further studies. No doubt pressure will be exerted on the universities to become more flexible and to recognize these degrees as their number grows.

Jerusalem is the center of the world, and I have reveled in its potency
importance, we're heading-off for the Coastal Plain.
Everybody has some red lines when contemplating the inevitable Oslo III and Oslo IV diplomatic settlements with the Palestinians; mine is uncompromising Israeli sovereignty over united Jerusalem. And yet, I forsake the city for other pastures. In the still of the night, alone, I ask myself am I yielding Jerusalem?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SHAMEFUL COVERAGE
Sir, - I thank our national radio and TV have insulted not only Israel, but world Jewry, and have once again shown themselves divorced from anything Jewish.
This year, we hosted the 15th Maccabiah, described by international media like CNN, BBC, etc. as the Jewish Olympics. At a time when we hear complaints about lack of tourism, thousands of Jewish sportsmen and women from 54 countries, together with accompanying groups, came here to participate in what has become the fourth largest international sports competition. Yet instead of

proudly showing this event, the official media of the State of Israel has time for only a quarter-hour slot after the evening news. Anytime there is an event that interests the sports section at Channel 1, we have to put up with all sorts of program changes because they have to bring it "live" and presumably have to pay quite heavily for the privilege. I suppose the "perks" on an overseas broadcast are much better than on local ones.
Channel 23 (misnamed the "educational" channel) could surely have been used to bring us

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



It had to happen eventually: Jeanne Calment has died. Officially recognized as the world's oldest person, Calment passed away in a nursing home in the French town of Arles, at the age of 122. (Reuters)

POSTSCRIPT

DOUG CAMILLI, a no-nonsense commentator for the Montreal Gazette, has a wonderful way of humbling the world's self-important people, like this recent poke-in-the-eye:
"One of the principal supporters of the 'heroin chic' trend, Detour magazine style director Long Nguyen, has explained his thinking. If that's the not just: 'Photography should mirror life. That mirror includes happiness, joy, leaping around, as well as degradation, despair and nihilism.' And so, he argues, 'sadness' will become a permanent element of fashion photography.
'What a nut! I wonder why other industries don't also show degradation, despair and nihilism linked to their products. Beer ads could show people with the delirium tremens, cigarette ads could show a cancer ward.
'Come to think of it, the degradation, etc., don't even have to be product-related: I mean, there's nothing about a designer's clothes that makes you become a heroin addict. (Is there?) So you could just have random misery: 'Buy this skateboard and get sick!' 'Purchase our orange juice and lose your job!' What a breakthrough! Why didn't the ad industry think of this years ago?
'No doubt many people in the fashion industry want to be hip, and think the drugged-out look is the way to do it. But this 'oh-God-I'm-out-of-heroin' look in fashion ads surely can't continue for long.
'Let's get back to nice cheerful healthy models, please!'

WOMAN POWER

Sir, - Allison Kaplan Sommer's article of July 21 on the incredible and unsung abilities of mothers of large families (and smaller ones) raises many issues, which need to be addressed if society is to move into the next stage of the feminist revolution.
The women of this century have had to leave their children and go out into the world in order to show that they, too, are people—people with rights, desires, talents and differences. It is a great loss to all

of us that the mother of 10 children has to sit in an office in order to prove her worth to society.
Certainly the mental, physical and emotional strengths needed to run a home with a large family are similar to those needed by hotel managers, film directors, and many other high-powered jobs. To be able to keep to a budget, satisfy every need, see everyone fed and clothed, and the hills paid, and still have a bit left over to buy a book, is something the minister

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On August 10, 1937, The Palestine Post reported that at the 20th Zionist Congress in Zurich a stage was set for a deciding vote on the Lord Peel's Royal Commission on Palestine Partition scheme.
A committee of 48 members had drawn up a resolution reaffirming the historic connection and the undeniable rights of the Jewish people in Palestine. The Committee endorsed Dr. Chaim Weizmann's declaration that partition was unacceptable and ejected the "palliatives" proposed by the Royal Commission authorizing the Zionist Executive to negotiate conditions for the

establishment of a Jewish State.
50 years ago: On August 10, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that the ultimate destination of Exodus 1947 "illegal" immigrants to Palestine may be Hamburg, if, after further persuasion, they refuse to disembark in France. French authorities, reluctant to issue time ulamatum to Britain, were reported to be uneasy about their direct complicity with the British in prolonging the sufferings of the refugees by allowing the suffocating, overcrowded, unsanitary, unhealthy "prison cages" to remain in French waters. They noted that time and psychological pressure were the principal British weapons, since tear-gas and force were excluded in French territorial waters.
A troop train was derailed near Lod.
25 years ago: On August 10, 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported that some 300 former residents of Birim and Britz squatted in their churches to back their demand to be allowed to return to their homes evacuated 25 years earlier. Relations between Egypt and the Soviet Union had entered a "cold war," while Jerusalem was calm over reports of US-Egypt contacts. Alexander Zvielti

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Al-Kuds, the largest circulation Palestinian daily (above), never covered the PA's arrest of Palestinian journalist Daoud Kuttab. (Brian Hentler)

# When no news is bad news

By JUDITH MILLER

Just as Palestinians are struggling to establish a state of their own, an independent Palestinian press is fighting to be born. So far, neither effort has been easy.

For Arabic-language Palestinian newspapers in Jerusalem, the neighboring West Bank, and the Gaza Strip, political turmoil, censorship and intimidation have combined with soaring paper and printing costs and a severe economic recession to make publishing an extremely risky venture. Moreover, competition is fierce among the three leading dailies — competition for market share, for the skimpy number of advertisers, and for readers. Israel continues to censor the Jerusalem-based Arabic press, but things are not that different on the Palestinian side of the military checkpoints. While the Palestinian Authority does not formally censor newspapers, its corruption and heavy-handed crackdown on Islamic and secular dissidents, among other things, have made the PA increasingly unpopular. Hence it is more inclined to intimidate papers on the rare occasions that they report on government abuses.

The Palestinian press law enacted in 1995 ostensibly guarantees a free press — as do most Arab states, at least in theory — and the "absolute right" of every Palestinian "to express his opinion in a free manner either orally, in writing, photography, or drawing." But self-censorship, editors agree, in Palestine and throughout the Arab world is often more insidious than official control.

"You can't have genuine freedom of the press without real democracy," says Khaled Amayreh, an American-educated columnist who writes for non-Palestinian Arabic-language newspapers and for several English-language journals. The Palestinian Authority, he added, "is a police state without a state." But editors of major papers agree that their toughest challenges are economic. "You can't have an independent press without a strong economy," says Marwan Abu Zafar, editor of Al-Kuds, the oldest and largest Palestinian paper.

So far, the PA offers Palestinians neither prosperity nor enough democracy, critics say. According to the World Bank, the Palestinian gross domestic product has plunged 38 percent since the Palestinian Authority began ruling Gaza and the West Bank. This is mostly because of the loss of jobs in Israel for Palestinians and repeated Israeli border closings. Officially, unemployment stands at more than 22 percent, with underemployment at 28 percent. Palestinian trade between Gaza and the West Bank has also declined sharply. Unemployment would be far higher if Arafat had not more than doubled the PA's civil-service rolls. With more than 50,000 workers, the PA is the area's largest employer.

Though Palestinian newspapers are relatively inexpensive, selling between NIS 1 and 1.5, they are

expensive for Palestinians, whose average per-capita income is now less than \$1,000.

Hanna Siniora, a veteran journalist who publishes The Jerusalem Times, a slender English-language weekly, and the Palestine Business Report, a monthly newsletter, says that his surveys showed that each newspaper sold had eight readers, on average.

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tions. Amayreh estimates that no more than 20 are truly independent. Consequently, many Palestinians read about their government's abuses first in the Israeli press.

Most Palestinian reporters, he says, cannot afford to be bold, at least not in Arabic. "I get away with it because I write mainly in English," says Amayreh. Low salaries reinforce the political pressure. "The average journalist earns between \$400 and \$500 a month," he says. Such low wages make official bribes hard to resist.

Siniora complains about soaring costs. The price of paper has more than doubled in the last decade, he says, from \$300 a ton to \$750. New printing presses cost more than \$5 million, up from about \$500,000. His two English-language publications have a combined circulation of 4,200 and little advertising. "We're losing about \$10,000 a month," explains Siniora, who says he covers the deficit himself and with contributions from Palestinian businessmen.

The daily Al-Kuds, a 24-page color broadsheet, has a circulation of 50,000, more than double that of the two competing papers, Al-Ayam ("The Days"), which portrays itself as an independent paper, and Al-Hayat al-Jadida ("The New Life"), a semi-official paper with ties to the PA.

Because his newspaper is based in eastern Jerusalem, Abu Zafar of Al-Kuds must still submit to Israeli censors articles that affect security. But, he said, censorship became more relaxed when Yitzhak Rabin came to power; the Likud government has not reversed this policy.

Since Al-Kuds is also sold in the West Bank and Gaza, he also needs a license from the PA, with which he has already had several confrontations. In July 1994, the PA blocked the paper's distribu-

tion in Gaza for five days after he refused to print a low estimate of the number of participants at an opposition rally as Arafat's government had demanded. And the paper's night editor was detained for five days in 1995 by the PA's security service after he failed to place an article about the Greek patriarch's Christmas message to Arafat on the front page.

"Journalists should not be spoon-fed," says the British-educated Abu Zafar.

Al-Kuds features several pages of obituaries and notices of weddings and graduations. And about a year ago, it began devoting a full page to economic news, publishing, among other things, the weekly performance of the fledgling Palestinian stock exchange.

A litmus test of the Palestinian press's ability to handle controversy came in May, with the PA's arrest of Daoud Kuttab, an independent journalist whose television broadcasts of Palestinian legislative debates had irked Arafat.

Neither the semi-official Al-Hayat nor the supposedly independent Al-Kuds covered the arrest, though Abu Zafar says that Al-Kuds mentioned Kuttab's release. But Al-Ayam, which is sympathetic to Arafat, did cover the arrest, despite its political affiliations. So did Al-Resalah ("The Message"), a weekly

paper that prints 7,000 copies in Gaza and is affiliated with Hamas.

Al-Ayam, which published its first issue in December 1995, now prints 10,000 copies of a 20-page daily at spacious new offices in Ramallah, which house a new color press that cost more than \$3 million and was partly subsidized by France. Senior editors hope that it will turn a profit within five years. "It's a good newspaper that has

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been deft in reporting on corruption, even though its editor, Akram Haniye, is Arafat's adviser," says

Danny Rubinstein, who writes about Palestinian affairs for the prominent Israeli daily Ha'aretz. Al-Ayam's editors say that Arafat has no financial stake in the paper, which they say is backed by 15 Palestinian companies and businessmen.

Last year, Al-Ayam began some delivery in Ramallah, where 90 percent of Palestinian papers are sold on the street. Another innovation: a full page devoted to the Palestinian economy. To earn extra revenue, the paper prints textbooks for the Palestinian Authority, which Kuttab says is an indirect government subsidy that reinforces the paper's desire to maintain cordial relations with Arafat's team. "But perhaps because of the close ties between Haniye and Arafat, the paper is often bolder than others in what it feels it can cover," says Rubinstein.

The daily with the closest ties to Arafat, however, is Al-Hayat al-Jadida, whose \$60,000-a-month deficit is said to be covered by the PA, according to several Palestinian journalists who asked not to be identified. But of the three biggest papers — Al-Ayam and Al-Hayat al-Jadida in the West Bank and Al-Kuds in Jerusalem — only Al-Kuds is profitable. It made about \$100,000 last year, Abu Zafar says — 40 percent from circulation revenue and 60 percent from advertising. (New York Times)



**Not Page One**  
**Spy vs. spies**  
By Sam Orbaum

I was a dangerous mission. No one volunteered. No one but me. Only a nut would spy on spies. So it had to be me.

I could've been really brave and staked out Jibril Rajoub's HQ. I took stock of my life and settled for the next best thing: the Shin Bet.

One morning recently, I drove up to a mysterious building. Somewhere in Israel, brazenly parked right outside the front door, unsheathed my trusty old Parker and, well, this is what I witnessed...

10:20: Snake-out begins. Targeted building is nondescript: bars on the windows, a wall, a fence, a gate with an intercom. Could be any place, anywhere. No name on the gate.

Four garbage bins stand innocuously outside. I slip out of the car, look left, look right, and peek into them. I make a note of the smell (smelly). The contents: remains of food; an empty diaper package (but of course! Who would suspect a baby agent? Besides, they're impossible to interrogate), bits and pieces of garden-variety detritus. And pay dirt: a large pink bag full of cross-shredded paper. If I had the guts I'd scoop it out and pack it into the car. I don't have the guts.

10:22: Getting restless. Nothing happening. The neighbors: what's it like to live across the street from a spy agency? They've put up a high wall for privacy. Obviously. All the trisim are closed — except for one. Great place to plant a double agent to surveil the Shin Bet.

10:24: Something's happening! Behind the wall, a man — gray-haired, grim-looking, mid-50s — crosses the grounds from right to left, disappears. Aha.

again, asks what I'm doing there. I remind him. He smiles. That worries me. Then he says, "Someone will be here shortly to ask you a few questions." Good. I got a couple questions myself.

10:57: Long-haired skinny man comes out with three bags of garbage. Food garbage. Busty blonde lopes by, he makes gurgling noise at her, she nods back. They are acquainted.

10:58: Skinny man helps bring in food from van. Picks up large plastic container. Burly guy says: "Careful, it's hot soup." Aha. So the Shin Bet eats soup for lunch.

11:00: Young, clean-cut man comes to say hello. Shows me his police ID card. Agent Y (not his real name) explains they're not very happy about me being there. No kidding. "We're doing vital work, you understand. I can't stop you from sitting here, but I wouldn't want you to compromise our need for secrecy; I wouldn't want anyone in this building hurt by what you write."

He's earnest, direct, affable. Makes me feel like a putz. I assure him my intentions are harmless. He says he trusts The Jerusalem Post. Doesn't read it, though (crosses my mind to offer him a subscription discount). I figure what the hell, ask him some questions. Sonofagun, he answers them: the building belongs to the Ministry of Defense. Concocting my info, this is, he reveals, the Shin Bet. Antiterrorism HQ. I pretend not to be impressed, coolly ask to be let in. He smiles, says he thought I'd ask, says no. (I presume because they're getting ready for lunch.) We shake hands.

11:07: Gray-haired man emerges

**10:49: Hear a noise from the building. A man, clearing his throat. Could be he's a spy passing a coded message. Or maybe he just has to clear his throat.**

10:26: Gray-haired man reappears. Crosses the grounds from left to right. Not sure why.

10:29: The door opens! The door opens! Plump young woman exits. White blouse, black bag. Gets into red car. Drives away. A spy? Could be.

10:31: Large bee tries to penetrate fence. Can't. Makes you wonder, no?

10:32: Plumper woman, 40s, black blouse, red pants, exits. Turns right, walks down the street. Out to snare an arch-enemy of the state? Could be.

10:33: Lady, pink blouse, approaches along the sidewalk. A prisoner is chained to her. Sorry. It's a dog. She passes. Could be a neighbor walking her dog. Or a spy dressed like a neighbor walking her dog.

10:34: Two men, 30s, wearing kippot, exit. One of them (white short-sleeved shirt) looks at me. Yikes! I am noticed. He turns right. I glance through my rear-view mirror (good thing I brought that along). He looks at me again. Could be a spy. Could be he's thinking the same about me.

10:35: Plumper lady returns: still in her 40s, still with the black blouse and red pants, but now carrying something ... something white. Could be yogurt. God, I love this work!

10:36: Balding man in green shirt exits. Does not turn left or right. Comes to me. Gevalt. Maybe he wants to ask directions? No. Asks who I am, what the hell I'm doing there. Not friendly. I realize too late I'm not wearing my dark specs. My cover blown. I tell him the truth (I'm a lousy liar, thus a lousy spy). I pull out my business card, he takes it, asks if he can keep it. I'm going to say no?

10:45: For nine minutes since my interrogation, no one has entered or exited. I presume entire spy network has been alerted. Check rooftops for sharpshooters, don't notice any. Certainly they're photographing me (damn, wish I'd had the car washed), putting my name through a computer check. What if they don't find anything?

10:46: Cat emerges from north end of compound. Looks left, looks right. Suspicious. Yawns. Hops back into compound.

10:50: White van pulls up, parks in front of me. License plate 57-399-07 (not the real number). I figure this is it, the back doors are gonna open and they're gonna blow me outta there. Nice and neat. Sure enough, back doors open. No bow-izers or missile launchers. Melons, apricots, trays of bot food. Hmm. Could be spies are getting hungry. (So am I, but they don't invite me.) Burly guy, jeans, black T-shirt, shleps food into building.

10:51: Burly guy (definitely a hit man) exits with scowling man in green shirt. Green shirt comes to me

with two bags of garbage. Lady enters. Burly guy and skinny man exit. Grayhair enters. With all this coming and going, I could've slipped in unnoticed. An idiot I'm not.

11:08: Skinny, burly drive off in van. Could be they're spies. Or caters.

11:09: Cop car approaches. I am sweating. Cop car passes. Sweat dries up.

11:12: Man in uniform exits. With more garbage. (Whatever else they do here, they produce a lot of garbage.)

11:14: Pretty woman, blue dress, enters. Could be she's one of those sexy lures you see in spy movies. Maybe she's been assigned to entice me to a secluded spot. (Now I really wish I'd had the car washed.)

11:15: Black Toyota, 39-467-88, parks. (Not the real color, make, or license number.) Man gets out. Wiry, furtive; dark specs, black tik jembond. Can't be a spy: looks too much like he's trying to look like one.

11:19: Oriental man, 70s, with bleached-blond woman, mid-50s, enter. They look like a normal, everyday Israeli couple. Maybe they are.

11:21: Balding husky man with tik jembond, plus young man, blue polo shirt, carrying nothing, enter. Interesting.

11:22: Agent Y exits building. My pal. I say, "Jeez, lotta people coming in and out of there." Seems there's a problem. Me. "I spoke with my supervisor, and he asked me to ask you to leave. [Wait a minute. Didn't he admit earlier that he can't force me to leave?] You're not allowed to be here. I'm sorry, if you don't leave I'll have to call the police to remove you." I decide it's better not to piss off both the Shin Bet and the police. I rev up the ol' Renault (It starts, thank God), we shake hands again. Analyzing the situation, I figure out why I'm sent away: they need the parking space.

11:26: The jig is up. I drive off, mission accomplished. I leave, confident the Jewish State is in good hands.

MEMO TO the enemy — if you're reading this, you know who you are. Do not attempt to locate said building: it is carefully camouflaged to look like a typical Israeli apartment block. Do not attempt to identify anyone mentioned in this report: it is hopeless. They are all carefully camouflaged to look like typical Israelis. Do not attempt to kidnap and/or torture me: I am writing this under an assumed name, the photo at the top is fake, and in any case, you cannot make me talk. Well, certainly not in Arabic. This page will self-destruct in five seconds. Four ... three ... two ... one ...

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# SPORTS

in brief

### FIFA urge suspension of top Australian club

SYDNEY (Reuters) - FIFA has urged Soccer Australia to suspend top club Sydney United for taking the domestic governing body to court in a bid to avoid possible axing from the national league because of crowd trouble.

In a letter released by Soccer Australia on Friday, the sport's world body said United should be barred from competition until they drop their current court case.

In a message released on Friday by Soccer Australia, FIFA said: "We herewith urge you (SA) to immediately suspend club Sydney United until they withdraw their complaint in the Supreme Court."

By winning an injunction last week, United prevented Soccer Australia from taking disciplinary action over crowd violence at a national league match in May.

Soccer Australia reported United's action to FIFA as a breach of its international statutes banning clubs from taking a national association to court.

### Dutch soccer players axed for alleged group sex

AMSTERDAM (AP) - Soccer club Telstar has fired four players who allegedly had sex with a 15-year-old girl during a pre-season training camp, the Dutch media reported Friday.

The girl, who was not named, did not report the incident to police and no criminal charges have been filed against any of the players.

"Whether this was consensual or not, our reputation has been sullied. That's what this is about," Telstar chairman Jan de Wit told the Dutch daily *Algemeen Dagblad*.

The legal age of consent in the Netherlands is 16.

The players, Benito Cooman, Ray Inge, Dave Kuysten and Orpheo Nok, allegedly all had sex with the girl in a car parked outside the team's hotel on July 26.

### Pavarotti backs Rome 2004 bid

ROME (Reuters) - World-renowned Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti has thrown his considerable weight behind Rome's bid to stage the 2004 Olympic Games.

Pavarotti will travel to Lausanne, Switzerland, for the International Olympic Committee's vital meeting on September 5, when the successful candidate will be announced.

Rome is favored to win the bid, ahead of Athens, Cape Town, Stockholm and Buenos Aires.

"It will be an honor to go to Lausanne," Pavarotti said after accepting an invitation from Italian Sports Minister Walter Veltroni.

Pavarotti, along with Spanish tenors Placido Domingo and Jose Carreras, helped popularize opera with a concert in Rome's third-century Baths of Caracalla during the 1990 soccer World Cup finals.



UNDER PRESSURE - Springbok Russell Bennett (No. 15) tries to intercept a pass by New Zealand All Black Taine Randall in the Tri Nations match at Eden Park, Auckland yesterday.

## All Blacks sink spirited Springboks 55-35

AUCKLAND (Reuters) - The All Blacks overcame the Springboks 55-35 in a hard-fought Test match at Eden Park yesterday, claiming their win by a record margin with a rollicking display of rugby.

In a fast and action-packed game, New Zealand outscored the South Africans by seven tries to five to tighten their grasp on the Tri-Nations championship.

It was the highest score an All Blacks side has ever posted against South Africa and the largest winning margin.

But it was the underdog Springboks who drew first blood when just two minutes into the game

they engineered a powerful rolling maul to send flanker Ruben Kruger in for the first try.

The lead changed hands regularly in the first half as each team vied for dominance in a blistering, often violent encounter. With three tries apiece there was little between the arch rivals at the break, the All Blacks ahead 23-21.

Two penalties early in the second spell widened the home side's lead, but it was a red card offence by South African loose forward Andre Venter which swung the match decisively in New Zealand's favor.

Venter was sent off 10 minutes into the second half for stomping on All Black captain Sean

Fitzpatrick's face while he was on the ground in a ruck.

The Springboks were forced to play the remaining 30 minutes with only 14 men, and the All Blacks took full advantage, piercing their weakened opponents' defence to score four more tries.

The Springboks staged a spirited rally as full-time neared, crossing twice, but their fate had already been sealed.

The win puts the All Blacks firmly in control of the Tri-Nations series, and only Australia now have any chance of wresting the championship from them.

## Grobelaar trial comes to not-guilty end

WINCHESTER, England (AP) - The two trials lasted 17 weeks and cost about £12 million to prosecute.

And when the second one ended on Friday, all for defendants were acquitted in England's biggest soccer match-fixing scandal in 33 years.

Zimbabwean goalkeeper Bruce Grobelaar - the best known of the four - was cleared Friday on the last of three counts of throwing games for money in the early 90s in the English Premier League.

On Thursday, the panel of six women and five men cleared the other three defendants on the first two counts - former English soccer stars John Fashanu and Hans Segers and Malaysian businessman Heng Swan Lim.

The first trial, which was big news, ended in March with a hung jury after 34 days.

This retrial lasted 46 days and was largely ignored by the British press until the very end. The jury was able to decide on the first two counts, but when it was hung on Friday on the final count the judge, Sir Charles McCullough, ruled Grobelaar not guilty.

The third count against only Grobelaar - the former Liverpool and Southampton star - alleged he accepted £2,000 on November 3, 1994, to let in goals while he was playing for Southampton.

The jurors spent much of the last few days looking at a videotape of the incident - a so-called "sting" launched by the tabloid *Sun* newspaper and Grobelaar's former business partner, Chris Vincent. In the video, Grobelaar was alleged to have talked about throwing games for money.

The jury wasn't convinced and the Crown Prosecution Service immediately it would not seek a third trial.

Grobelaar, 39, talked immediately about returning to play professionally in England and internationally with Zimbabwe. And he said his name and soccer's had been cleared.

"The verdicts of today and yesterday are a victory for football," he said. "Right from the beginning there has never been a game thrown either in the future or in the past. It is a victory for football worldwide."

"I can tell you it has been sheer hell for my family," Grobelaar added. "For me to go through this has been sheer hell."

"I really do not want to go into the ins and outs of how it's been because then I might be revealing too much."

"But for people who have not seen what I have at the age I am now it must be more dreadful," Grobelaar, who played last season for Second-Division Plymouth, said he had received three calls on Thursday from interested teams. He also said he hoped to play for Zimbabwe against Cameroon in a World Cup qualifier on August 17 in Harare.

Grobelaar and ex-Wimbledon goalkeeper Segers, 35, were accused of receiving money to let in goals and throw games. The prosecution alleged Lim, 32, was the British end of a Far Eastern gambling syndicate and that he and former Wimbledon striker Fashanu, 34, had passed on the cash.

Although Fashanu declined to testify, Lim, Grobelaar and Segers all said that money changed hands but said it was solely for forecasting results.

Fashanu was said to have made £250,000 in his role as the middleman, and Segers was alleged to have received more than £100,000 from Lim.

Lim was said to have received about £600,000 to fix the matches. The prosecution also alleged that Fashanu paid Grobelaar £40,000 for one Liverpool loss.

The case was the biggest scandal to hit English soccer since 1964 when Peter Swan, David "Bronco" Layne and Tony Kay, all in or on the fringe of the England team, were jailed for four months and banned for life for corruption.

The Football Association, which runs the game in England, Thursday announced a review of rules on betting and forecasting.

Britain's Inland Revenue, prompted by revelations in the trial, is also opening an investigation into tax dodging that came to light in the trial.

## Linford Christie retires at last

ATHENS (AP) - He's been saying it for over a year and now he's finally done it. Former world and Olympic 100-meter champion Linford Christie said yesterday he had run his last race.

The 37-year-old sprinter, who has now turned to coaching, told the BBC that he had decided to retire from the track after finally losing the enthusiasm he once thrived on.

"I woke up this morning and felt I didn't need the tension any more," Christie said in an interview.

"I thought to myself 'What's the point in carrying on?' I have decided that I won't be running again."

Christie, who won the Olympic title in Barcelona in 1992 and the

world championship at Stuttgart a year later, said in a tearful outburst on TV some 18 months ago that his retirement was imminent because he felt he did not get the credit he deserved from the British media.

His final appearance at the Olympics last year in Atlanta, where he was defending his title, ended in despair when he was disqualified for two false starts.

Christie at first refused to leave the track, disputing the calls.

He decided to run in selected races this season but not in the World Championship. His roles in Athens were as coach to British athletes Jamie Baulch and Darren Campbell and Jamaica's Juliet Cuthbert and also giving an expert analysis for the BBC.

## Strang spins Kent to top of the table

LONDON (Reuters) - Zimbabwe leg-spinner Paul Strang produced a telling spell of four for 36 in 10 overs to bowl Kent to the top of the English county championship yesterday.

Strang finished with five for 119 from 36 overs as Kent beat Essex by an innings and eight runs on the fourth and last day at Canterbury.

Essex, following on 369 behind, were dismissed for 361, to which their captain Paul Pritchard contributed an outstanding 224.

Pritchard had made 171 out of the overnight 277 for five, and continued to battle almost single handedly as

Strang worked through the lower order.

The Essex opener, batting with a runner because of hamstring problems, was finally prised out by fast bowler Martin McCague, having faced 295 deliveries and hit 35 fours.

Kent's win lifted them from third to first in the championship on 171 points from 12 matches. Second-placed Glamorgan, who were not involved in the current round of fixtures, have 159 points from 11 games.

Gloucestershire, third on 158 points after 12 games, were denied victory by Somerset last pair Graham Rose and Kevin Shine, who survived the final

37 balls to force a draw at Taunton.

Somerset, set 277 to win in a minimum of 45 overs, collapsed to 38 for six before all-rounder Rose put a good batting pitch in perspective with a chanceless 67 not out off 120 balls.

Rose found an effective ally in Pakistan leg spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, the pair adding 65 for the seventh wicket as Somerset edged to safety at 138 for nine.

Another Pakistan Test slow bowler, off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq, captured five for 111 as Surrey beat Durham by nine wickets at The Oval.

Saqlain had match figures for 10

for 128, but his success was tempered for Surrey by the Pakistan Cricket Board's insistence that he return home for a one-day tournament next month.

At Lord's, five wickets from ex-England seamer Angus Fraser, preceded by South African Jacques Kallis's second century of the season, off 148 deliveries, helped Middlesex to a 217-run win over Hampshire.

Kallis (102 not out) and Mike Gatting (69 not out) took Middlesex's second innings to 178 for one declared to leave Hampshire 315 to win.

## Mets get Rojas, Wendell, McRae from Cubs for Johnson

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The New York Mets have traded veteran center fielder Lance Johnson and two players to be named to the Chicago Cubs in exchange for relievers Mel Rojas and Turk Wendell and centre fielder Brian McRae.

New Mets general manager Steve Phillips, who was promoted when Joe McIlvaine was demoted on July 16th, faced criticism for failing to engineer a deal before the July 31st waiver trading deadline to help a struggling bullpen.

But Phillips was able to add two relievers from the Cubs with Friday's deal.

"We are committed to making a run for the playoffs," Phillips said.

"Brian McRae will do a good job in centerfield, and Mel Rojas and Turk Wendell lighten the burden on Greg McMichael as the setup man."

Johnson, who has been bothered by shin splints this year, is 34. Rojas, who struggled in the first half of the season but has been pitching well lately, is 30. McRae is 29 and Wendell is 30.

In another move on Friday, the San Francisco Giants claimed left-hander Terry Mulholland off waivers from the Cubs.

Mulholland, who began his career with the Giants and joins them for the third time, had signed a one-year, \$2.3 million free agent deal with the Cubs before the season.



### Galilee hills alive with the sound of martial arts

The sounds reverberating through the Upper Galilee hills during the past week were unusual for the pastoral setting of the settlements around the northern borders, no it wasn't only katushas which fell. The shouts and yells of the practitioners of Saisho Ki Do were very much in evidence as some 800 sportsmen and women, boys and girls gathered in Kibbutz Kfar Giladi's gymnasium for a week-long seminar and evaluation in this martial art form. Pupils from all walks of life and all communities, Druse, Beduin and Moslem, as well as Jews, ranging in ages from 4 1/2 to 50, with ranks going all the way up to third-dan black belt, arrived for the seminar given by English seventh dan, John Judge, who is one of the world's leading practitioners in the sport. Judge was assisted at the seminar by Israeli fifth dan, Danny Hazan, at some stages would lecture a class of over 200 who sat spellbound in total silence. The seminar ends today.

# Williams look for morale-boosting win in Hungary today

BUDAPEST (Reuters) - Williams, triumphant at the Hungarian Grand Prix 12 months ago, need to win again at the Hungarian today - but for contrasting reasons.

Last year, the standard-setting Renault-powered Williams team arrived in Budapest wanting just two points for a record-equalling eighth constructors' championship title.

Canadian Jacques Villeneuve won the race and Briton Damon Hill finished second. Williams won the teams' championship and went on to add the drivers' title when Hill clinched his personal success at Suzuka in Japan.

This time, with Ferrari leading the constructors' title race, Williams need victory to boost

morale and keep their ambitions alive.

So a repeat win by Villeneuve would be the ideal result on one of the slowest and most difficult tracks of the year.

"I've got some very good memories from last year so I am looking forward to going back to Hungary," said Villeneuve, whose run of only two victories in seven races has allowed not only Michael Schumacher, but Ferrari to take command of the championship.

"The car should be good on this track. And that will make it very interesting for us. We have struggled a bit this year on the circuits with very high speeds and fast corners, but this is different. There are some tricky corners and it is very difficult to get a good lap because it is a very

physical place and it will be easy to race. Overtaking is a problem - so qualifying will be especially interesting this time."

Since he recorded the team's 100th victory in Formula One at the British Grand Prix in July, both Villeneuve and Williams have struggled to convince most observers that they retain the competitive edge which set them apart from the rest last year and earlier this season.

Villeneuve's Williams team mate Heinz-Harald Frentzen has also struggled and in recent races, while Williams have laboured to stay in touch with Ferrari, Benetton have responded by bouncing back to their best form.

Austrian veteran Gerhard Berger's emotional victory in the German Grand Prix at

Hockenheim two weekends ago has raised Benetton morale and prompted talk of a late challenge for the title.

"They could be the team we have to watch more than Williams now," said German Schumacher. "But I expect them to bounce back."

Williams, having lost race engineer David Brown and chief designer Adrian Newey to McLaren in the last year, and enduring the pressure of the ongoing Ayrton Senna trial at Imola, have found it difficult to maintain their momentum.

The impending loss of Renault as a partner at the end of the year and the involved preparations required for the 1998 technical regulations

have also contributed to the team's loss of form.

But in recent years, Williams have enjoyed racing at the Hungarian where, in 1992, Nigel Mansell clinched his world title and where, in 1993, Hill claimed his first win.

In both 1995 and 1996 they enjoyed one-two finishes and a similar result this year would help banish worries over the team's stuttering form.

But Schumacher and Ferrari are likely to be as strong as ever on the 3.968-kms track just north of the Hungarian capital and a fierce qualifying battle is in prospect.

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WALL STREET REPORT

Dow falls 156 points

NEW YORK (AP) — An avalanche of profit-taking sliced more than 150 points off the Dow Jones industrial average Friday as interest rates soared again in a bond market suddenly stricken with inflation jitters.

On Wall Street, the Dow fell about 156.78 points to 8,031.22 — a drop of 1.9 percent — recovering from a loss of nearly 212 points that briefly put the famed market barometer below the 8,000 mark.

Broader stock indicators also posted heavy losses, starting the day sharply lower as interest rates shot higher in the bond market, continuing a week-long ascent from last week's 17-month lows.

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CURRENCY REPORT

Dollar slide worst in three months

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar suffered the worst one-day slide in three months Friday after Japan reported another bulging trade surplus and the Bundesbank's top economist suggested it is ready to raise interest rates.

The second straight drop in the British pound also indirectly helped drag the dollar down against most other major currencies.

Traders said the dollar was further hurt by a sharp selloff in the American stock and bond markets that briefly wrenched the Dow Jones industrial average down more than 200 points before it partly recovered to a 156.78-point loss.

to Japan and much of Europe. The reversal pushed the dollar back to its lowest level vs. the yen since July 15 and the lowest against the mark since July 31.

In New York, the dollar fell to 114.95 yen from 118.45 yen Thursday, down 2.9 percent. The dollar fell to 1.8473 marks from 1.8633 Thursday, down 1.1 percent. Both were the biggest one-day declines in the dollar since May 20.

The pound fell to \$1.5855 in New York from \$1.5893, its second consecutive 10-month low. The slide reflected the spreading impact of the Bank of England's announcement after raising interest rates Thursday that further increases weren't likely for awhile.

The announcement undermined a major assumption in the foreign-exchange market that Britain's ebullient economy would require higher rates to thwart inflation. Rising rates tend to help a currency's value.

Traders attributed part of the dollar weakness Friday to Japan's report that its broadest measure of trade rose nearly 60% in June from a year earlier, the third straight monthly advance, largely on increased sales of autos and office equipment.

The report aroused fears that inflated Japanese-U.S. trade frictions over the surplus would lead to a lower dollar, making Japanese goods and services more expensive in the US.

Further burring the dollar were comments by Omar Issing, the Bundesbank's chief economist, who said price developments in Germany are going "in the wrong direction" partly because of the mark's weakness, which has made imports more expensive.

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in brief

**Psychologists ordered back to work**  
The government's arbitration board on Friday ordered striking psychologists back to work. The strikers' committee, which meets today, gave no immediate response. The Histadrut has already warned that it would oppose a back-to-work order. The strike by public service psychologists began about 12 weeks ago in demand of higher wages. *Tim*

**IMI to sell Uzis in US**  
Israel Military Industries Ltd. hopes to sell thousands of Uzi semi-automatic weapons to civilians in the US in the next few months, an official said last week. The company received permission last month from the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to market versions of the Uzi and the Galil semi-automatic rifle after an 11-year US ban on the import of around 20 types of semi-automatic weapons in an attempt to cut violent crime. The weapons will be marketed under a joint venture with US gun manufacturer O.F. Mossberg & Sons. *Reuters*

**US haredi compensated in jay-walking case**  
A haredi man accepted a \$7,000 settlement from the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, for being forced to violate the Sabbath. The 27-year-old Los Angeles resident decided to accept the settlement and cancel legal proceedings against the city. In September 1994, on his way home from services, he was detained by a policeman for crossing on a red light. The officer made him sit in the police car and sign the summons. Since he was not carrying a wallet because of the Sabbath, he had no identification. The cop told him if he did not sign the summons, he would be placed under arrest. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

**Study: Downtown Jerusalem hospital vital**  
An examination of the handling of victims from the Mahaneh Yehuda terror blasts has shown the importance of the existence of Bikur Holim Hospital in downtown Jerusalem, the hospital said yesterday. According to the study, conducted by Magen David Adom and security authorities, the first seven people who were wounded reached the hospital, located a few blocks from the market, within five minutes of the explosions. During the past decade, there were a number of attempts to close down Bikur Holim as an efficiency measure, even though the rest of the capital's hospitals are several kilometers away from the center of town, where terror attacks have occurred. *Judy Siegel*

## Joint checking repaid wartime loans to Jews

**By MARILYN HENRY**  
NEW YORK - The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee has decided to investigate whether it ever repaid all the European Jews who lent money during World War II to help with relief work and with clandestine rescues of Jews from Nazi-held areas. "Large numbers of loans were repaid during and after the war," Michael Schneider, the Joint's executive vice president, said Friday in New York. "However, it has come to our attention that some of those individuals who loaned money to JDC may not have come forward to be reimbursed or may have perished in the Holocaust," Schneider said. He said an independent committee chaired by Dr. Yitzhak Arad, former chairman of Yad Vashem, will probe the matter. Interest in reopening the case has apparently been stirred by recent probes into the status of dormant accounts held by Holocaust victims and survivors in Swiss banks. "We have always done the right thing," Schneider said. "We intend to continue to do so."

# Israeli Arab delegation arrives in Syria

DAMASCUS (AP) - Israel was making matters worse in the Middle East, the delegation of over 40 Israeli Arab leaders that is visiting Damascus told Syrian officials. The delegation, which includes MKs, local council heads and journalists, was invited by Syrian President Hafez Assad and many of its members made clear their support for Syria's demand that Israel return the Golan Heights as part of a peace agreement. "The visit comes within the framework of supporting the just Syrian stances aiming at achieving a just and comprehensive peace," said MK Abdel Wahab Darawshie (Democratic Arab Party). The delegation, which will spend a week in Syria, was greeted at the airport early Friday by the mayor of Damascus. Later, the members visited Syria's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where MK Sallah Tariff (Labor) placed a wreath on the tomb. "We are on the brink of an abyss on all fronts, especially on the military front, and there is a real danger for a war," he said. "But I am sure Netanyahu cannot continue using military might against the Arab world." Also Friday the delegation visited the Martyrs Cemetery in Najha outside Damascus, the Ummayyad Mosque and the tomb of Saladin. "This nation that offered this big number of honored martyrs will be able to defeat all its enemies," Palestinian poet Samih Kassim told reporters at the cemetery. The delegation did not bring any official message from Israel. "We only carry love and peace to our brethren in Syria," Shfaram Mayor Ibrahim Nimr Hussein said. The delegation will meet Assad, Foreign Minister Farouk Shara, and other senior officials, as well as leaders of opposition Palestinian groups. Hussein said he hoped to persuade Assad to push for an Arab summit to put pressure on the Netanyahu government. The delegates went via Cairo after obtaining temporary travel documents from the Syrian consul. This was necessary since Syria is technically still at war with Israel and refuses entry to Israeli passport holders. The last such visit was in 1994 when a small Israeli Arab delegation arrived in Syria to pay their respects to Assad after his son Basil died in a car accident.



**Leah Rabin visits market**  
Leah Rabin, the widow of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, gives a clock to Yisrael Salah, who was injured in the July 30 Mahaneh Yehuda bombing. During her visit to the market on Friday, Rabin, surrounded by a ring of police, was heckled by vendors and shoppers. *(Brian Hendler)*

## No deal yet on Nazi gold

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The head of the US government task force on Nazi gold said on Friday that he hoped to persuade European nations to distribute some six tons of Nazi gold to Holocaust survivors, but that there was no agreement to do so yet. Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs Stuart Eizenstat said that he was hoping to forge a common position by next week with Britain and France, which together with the US are members of a commission controlling distribution of the gold. "Once those three countries reach consensus, another dozen European nations would need to agree to renounce their claims to the gold, worth some \$68 million. "We're very pleased so far with the positive attitude that the British and French government have shown to try to deal with this contentious issue in ways that do justice to the victims," Eizenstat said. But he denied a report from earlier in the week quoting sources close to the negotiations as saying that agreement to distribute the gold to survivors already had been reached. "There has not yet been an agreement... We are evolving a position that we will hopefully be able to announce next week. But we do not have at this point consensus among the other countries who have a claim to it [the gold] as to what should happen to it," Eizenstat said.

## Jewish US assemblyman indicted for fraud

**By MARILYN HENRY**  
NEW YORK - New York State Assemblyman Dov Hikind, from Brooklyn, will be arraigned tomorrow in federal court on charges of fraud and misappropriating federal money. The Borough Park Democrat, who has supported Republican officials in New York, denies the charges, claiming they are "baseless and politically motivated." He was indicted Thursday on 36 counts, including misappropriation of federal funds, criminal conspiracy, fraud and corrupt solicitation. Some funds allegedly went toward school and camp tuition for his children and for family trips to Israel and France. Hikind, 47, faces a maximum of 10 years in prison, if convicted. The charges against Hikind, who is Orthodox, the son of Holocaust survivors and formerly active in the Jewish Defense League, stem from charges filed last December against officials of the Council of Jewish Organizations (COJO) in Borough Park. Peterburg ooted the constant erosion of health taxes in comparison with the growth of medical care expenses. The Health Ministry spokesman said it hadn't received any information about a Clalit request to set up an insurance company, but in any case, the ministry can't intervene in such a request as it has no authority to do so. Peterburg attacked the private insurance companies for "carrying out a coordinated campaign" to transfer what little profits there are in the deficit-ridden health system to private companies and to hand out dividends to their shareholders.

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Toronto	16	61	28	82	clear
Vienna	16	61	28	82	clear
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**Winning cards**  
In Friday's Chance drawing, the winning cards were the jack of spades, ten of hearts, queen of diamonds and king of clubs.

## Clalit seeks license for insurance company

**By JUDY SIEGEL**  
Kupat Holim Clalit has applied to the Insurance Commissioner for a license to set up an insurance company to handle its nursing insurance and other supplementary health insurance, as it doesn't want the profits to be funneled into private insurance companies.

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